IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. RA001C9)

In the Application of:	)	
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FARMWALD ET AL.	)	**Group**
	)	**Art Unit:**
Serial No: Continuation of 09/52,998	)	
	)	**Before**
Filed: FEBRUARY 22, 2000	)	**Examiner:**
	)	
Title: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT I/O USING A	)	
HIGH PERFORMANCE BUS INTERFACE	)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

    Prior   to   the   examination   of   the   above-referenced
application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

    Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure and substitute
the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE TITLE:

    Please delete the title and substitute "METHOD OF OPERATING
A MEMORY DEVICE HAVING A VARIABLE DATA INPUT LENGTH".